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For : METHODS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A COMPOUND IS
CAPABLE OF INHIBITING THE INTERACTION OF A PEPTIDE
WITH RAGE

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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION FURTHER TO
AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 19, 2002 FINAL
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted further to Amendment in Response to the December 19, 2002 Final Office Action and Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time filed on June 19, 2002, with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. In addition, applicants concurrently filed a Notice of Appeal From the Examiner's Decision to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 19, 2002, with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Therefore, the subject application is pending today, i.e. July 3, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to page 32, line 31 of the specification which recites an oligonucleotide probe for NF- κ B as follows: "5'CCTTGAAGGGATTCCCTC3' (SEQ ID No. 1)." Applicants point-out that to date no request for a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure has been submitted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Therefore, applicants submit herewith a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.821.

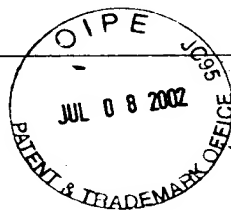
Applicants attach hereto, as Exhibit A a paper copy of the computer readable form of the sequence listing. Applicants attach hereto as Exhibit B a Statement in Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) certifying that the computer readable form contains the same information as the paper copy of the sequence listing attached as Exhibit A. The sequence listing does not contain any new matter.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invite the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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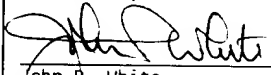
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